

#### Government Office for Science







The Government Chief Scientific Adviser's Guidelines on the Use of Scientific and Engineering Advice in Policy Making

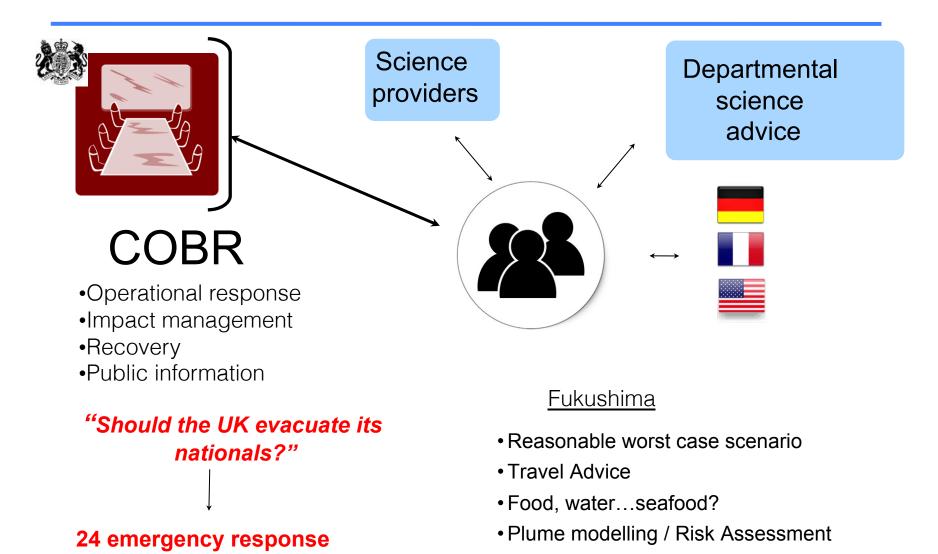
#### S&T planning

#### Lead government department

- Chief Scientific Advisor
- Science Advisory Committees
- Science Advisory Groups
  - Space Environmental Impacts Experts Group



## Scientific Advisory Group in Emergencies

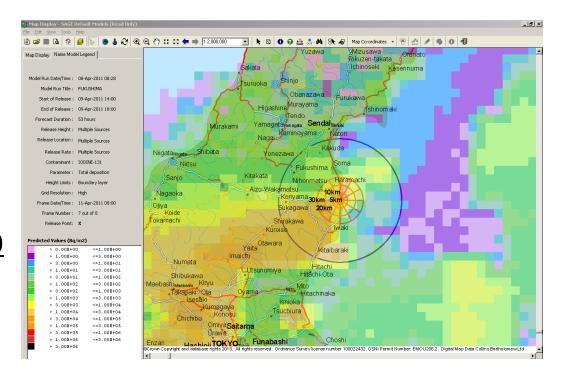




#### Response

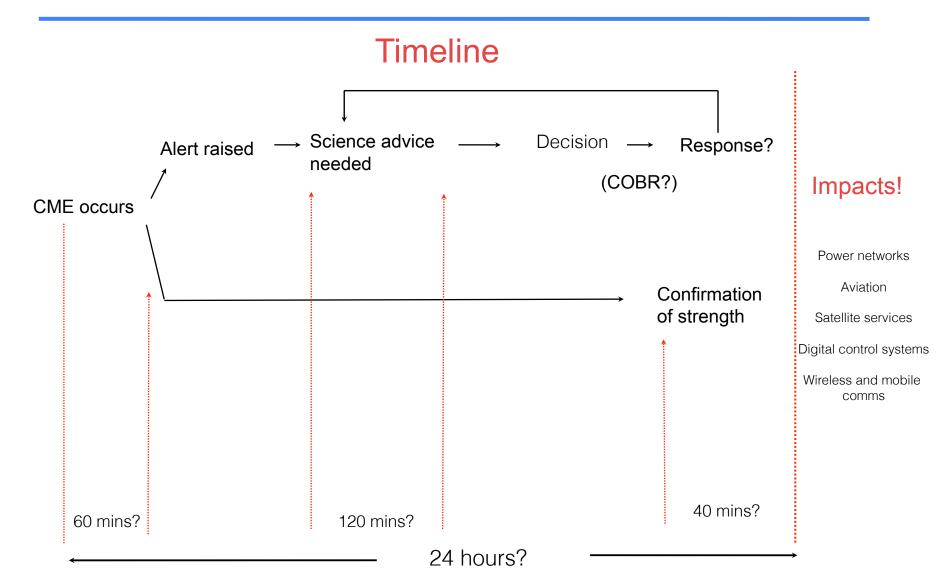
# Reasonable worst case (illustration)

- Cooling activities fail
- Failure of the reactor pressure vessel
- Explosive reaction
- Radioactive material up to <u>500</u> metres
- Wind blowing toward Tokyo





### Space weather: response





### Science What we need from SAGE

For a space weather incident, COBR would want to know issues such as:

What is the likely impact on:

- -Power networks
- Aviation
- -Satellite services
- -Digital control systems
- -Wireless and mobile comms

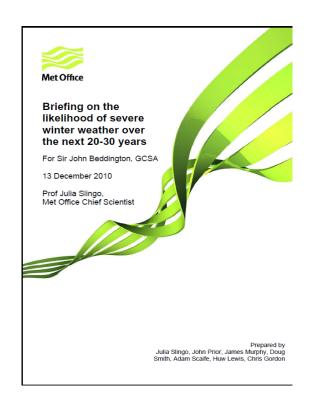
How will it develop? How does this compare with the Reasonable Worst Case? What solutions/mitigation? Scientific pros/cons of approaches Degree of consensus - UNCERTAINTIES

Questions?

#### Government funding of science



Research councils & universities:
.£5 billion
Haldane principle



Government science:

£3.1 billion